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Sir:

The Applicants have filed this Amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 in reply to the outstanding Official Action dated June 7, 2006, and the Applicants believe the Amendment to be fully responsive to the Official Action for reasons set forth below.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

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